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SUBJ: RANGER URANIUM MILL (MAJOR PROJECT) - ALERT REPORT

REF : CANBERRA 7198

CCP MAJOR PROJECTS CAMPAIGN.

1. THE AUSTRALIAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION AND RANGER URANIUM MINES PTY. LTD., JOINTLY OWNED BY PEKO-WALLSEND LTD. AND EZ INDUSTRIES OF MELBOURNE HAVE SIGNED A LETTER OF INTENT TO JOINTLY CONSTRUCT A URANIUM MILL TO PRODUCE YELLOWCAKE AT JABAROO, NORTHERN TERRITORY. THIS MILL WHEN COMPLETED WILL BE THE THIRD LARGEST IN THE WORLD AND WILL COST IN EXCESS OF US DOLLARS 100 MILLION.

2. THE AAEC WILL SUPPLY 72 PERCENT OF THE CONSTRUCTION COSTS WITH RUM SUPPLYING THE REMAINDER. PROFITS FROM THE MILL WILL BE SPLIT 50-50. IN ADDITION THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT WILL CONSTRUCT A NEW TOWN, INCLUDING ALL INFRASTRUCTURE, FIVE MILES FROM JABAROO.

3. IT IS LIKELY DAVEY ASHMORE OF CANADA WHO WITH WRIGHT PTY. LTD. OF MELBOURNE HAVE FORMED DAVEY-ASHMORE-WRIGHT AND WHO HAVE DONE THE PRELIMINARY DESIGN

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WILL BE THE GENERAL CONSTRUCTORS UNDER CONTRACT FROM

RUM CHARGED WITH MILL CONSTRUCTION RESPONSIBILITIES.

4. THE MILL IS NOT EXPECTED TO CONTAIN NEW TECHNOLOGY  
BUT LARGE CRUSHERS AND CHEMICAL PROCESSING EQUIPMENT  
WILL BE REQUIRED.

5. FINAL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION DETAILS WILL NOT BE  
READY FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS. A PROGRESS REPORT WILL BE  
SUBMITTED BY POST IN JANUARY, 1975.

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